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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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County Counsel
Director of Children and Family Services
Director of Mental Health
Director of Public Social Services

At its meeting held December 14, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Director of Public Social Services' joint recommendation with the Director of Mental Health to approve and instruct the Chair to sign a sole source contract with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority for provision of services to homeless CalWORKs participants, at a maximum cost of \$1,151,119, fully funded by CalWORKs Single Allocation, commencing December 15, 2004 or the day after Board approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2005, with two one-year extension options to extend the contract through June 2007; approve appropriation adjustment for the Department of Mental Health's Fiscal Year 2004-05 adopted budget in amount of \$1,291,778, fully funded by one-time CalWORKs Single Allocation funds with no net County cost, to enable the Department of Mental Health to implement the CalWORKs Homeless Families Projects; and approve the following related actions:

Authorize the Director of Public Social Services to prepare and sign amendments to the contract, to effect up to two one-year renewals, not to exceed \$1.9 million per year;

Authorize the Director of Public Social Services to prepare and sign amendments to the contract for any decrease or increase, of no more than 10% of the total contract amount, when the change is necessitated by additional and necessary services that are required in order for the contractor to comply with changes in Federal, State or County requirements;

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Authorize the Director of Mental Health to prepare and execute amendments with five Legal Entities, at an estimated cost of \$900,000 fully funded with CalWORKs Sign Allocation, for the provision of outreach, clinical assessment, intensive case management and linkage to direct treatment services to CalWORKs homeless participants, effective December 15, 2004, or the day after Board approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2005;

Authorize the Director of Mental Health to prepare and execute future amendments to the Legal Entity agreements and establish as a new maximum contract amount, the aggregate of the original agreement and all amendments, provided that the County's total payments to contractor under each agreement for each fiscal year shall not exceed an increase of 20% from the applicable maximum contract amount, and such increase shall be used to provide additional services or to reflect program and/or policy changes; and

Approve interim ordinance authority for the Department of Mental Health, for 10 positions, to enable the Department to provide additional CalWORKs mental health supportive services to homeless CalWORKs Participants; and authorize the Director of Mental Health to fill the positions, fully funded by CalWORKs Single Allocation.

Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

“Recent reports estimate that about 34,000 families are homeless at any given time in Los Angeles County. Poverty and high housing costs drive more families into homeless. Because of limited resources, many families seek refuge and assistance in the Skidrow area. The County should have a **zero-tolerance policy** for families staying in the Skidrow area such as at the Midnight Mission.

“In October, the Department of Public Social Services, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, developed a protocol to assist families in the Skidrow area. Since the implementation of protocol, we have been informed that the implementation has lapsed for some circumstance. The County must ensure that families are immediately served and assisted.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the Director of Public Social Services' attached joint recommendation with the Director of Mental Health;
2. Instructed the Directors of Mental Health, Public Social Services and Children and Family Services, in collaboration with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and County Counsel, to report back to the Board jointly on a weekly basis for the next six months on the implementation of such protocol to assist families at the Midnight Mission and in the report, illustrate how each family has been assisted, referred and case-managed; and
3. Instructed the Director of Public Social Services to provide an action plan of enhancing services to homeless aided families within two weeks.

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June 28, 2005

TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: REPORT ON PROTOCOL WITH MIDNIGHT MISSION
(BOARD ORDER #61 – DECEMBER 14, 2004)

This is to provide you with this week's report on the implementation of the protocol developed with the Midnight Mission in Skid Row to assist homeless families at the Mission.

We will continue to provide a weekly report to your Board through June 2005.

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July 6, 2005

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**SUBJECT: REPORT ON PROTOCOL WITH MIDNIGHT MISSION
(BOARD ORDER #61 – DECEMBER 14, 2004)**

This is to provide you with our final weekly report on the protocol developed with the Midnight Mission in Skid Row to assist homeless families. The report for the week June 27 through July 3 is negative.

As background, on December 14, 2004, your Board instructed DPSS, DCFS and DMH to submit weekly reports for six months. Since the inception of these protocols on December 13, 2004, 27 families (a total of 52 children) have been referred by the Midnight Mission for CalWORKs benefits and services.

With the success of the Midnight Mission protocols, we plan to continue them and are expanding the concept Countywide by establishing similar protocols with other providers.

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WEEKLY REPORT ON MIDNIGHT MISSION FAMILIES

Week of Monday 06/27/05 through Sunday 07/03/05

This Week		Since Program Started: 12/13/2004
A. Families referred to DPSS		
1. Number of families referred	0	27
a) Number of adults	0	36
b) Number of children	0	52
Ages 0-4	0	23
Ages 5-10	0	21
Ages 11-14	0	6
Ages 15+	0	2
2. Disposition of referrals		
a) Homeless Assistance		
1) Number of families to whom CalWORKs Homeless Assistance funding for shelter issued	0	18
2) Number of families not eligible for CalWORKs Homeless Assistance funding and placed in a family shelter	0	8
3) Number of families left before interview was completed	0	1
b) CalWORKs Status		
1) Number of families already on aid	0	22
2) Number of families approved and issued CalWORKs	0	3
3) Number of families denied	0	2
Reasons for application denial:		
o did not return to the district office to complete the application process	0	1
o subsequently determined ineligible	0	1
B. Reason for homelessness		
1. Evicted	0	23
2. Domestic violence	0	0
3. Moved from another County/State	0	3
4. Prior home declared uninhabitable	0	0
5. No other shelter available	0	0
6. Unable to determine	0	1
C. Case Management		
1. Specialized Supportive Services		
a) Number of families screened	0	13
b) Number of families referred for:	0	1
o mental health services	0	1
o domestic violence services	0	0
o substance abuse services	0	0
2. DMH		
Number of families evaluated for the CalWORKs Families Project	0	1
3. DCFS		
a) Number of families screened	0	5
b) Number of families referred for:	0	0
o Child protective services	0	0
o Family support services	0	0

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